

APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS 07/10/2007**Corrections stated in July 10, 2007 minutes.**

The Cable Access Study Committee met at 7:00 PM, June 26, 2007 in the Conference Room at the Fremont Safety Complex. Present at this meeting were Peter Bearse, Brande McLean, Neal Janvrin, Linda Stanton, Keith Stanton, and Tom McGall. The meetings minutes were taken by Jeanne Nygren. Warren Yee came into the meeting at 7:15 PM.

At 7:00 PM Brande McLean asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Bearse made a motion to start the meeting, this was seconded by McGall, and all were in favor. Bearse also made a motion to appoint McLean as Chairperson of this Study Committee, this was seconded by McGall, and all were in favor. Neal Janvrin motioned to make Keith Stanton, Co-Chairperson but because of his responsibilities in taping the meeting he declined this position. Janvrin tabled the motion for future consideration.

McLean stated that she tried to contact Jay Somers (Comcast Representative in the past) to tell him about the meetings scheduled and he was not recognized at the number she tried or as an employee. Bearse also tried to e-mail Somers but the e-mail was returned as unknown address.

McLean presented the Task List to the members present. A suggestion to have the meetings at 7:30 instead of 7:00 was proposed. These meetings will be approximately one hour or 1 1/2 hours maximum in length. Stanton felt this was okay but may need to have longer meeting depending upon the agenda where this committee is starting later than the previous committee had started in April. The time frames of future meetings can be adjusted according to the set agenda and availability of the Comcast representative.

Nygren will take notes of the meeting tonight but subsequent minute taking will be pending the Selectmen's approval at their meeting this Thursday night.

There was a motion made by Stanton as far as the Task List to have the only facility for live broadcast or tape delay broadcast to be the Town Hall at this time. All other entities (eg. school, library, safety complex, parks and recreation) can tape their own activities and bring them down to Town Hall. This was seconded by McGall. Janvrin asked do we want to put this forth as a motion or wait first. Ideas of the two different ways to present to the town either through warrant at town meeting or at the polls was discussed and views were shared. It was again decided to wait until the Comcast representative is at a meeting to let the committee know what they are going to provide for equipment and services and at what cost. McLean also was going to contact other vendors such as ATT, Cingular and Verizon for information and service. Janvrin stated Comcast has bundled so many services into a monthly charge that maybe the subscribers won't want to change providers.

Stanton withdraw his motion to limit the sites to just the Town Hall until after talking with Comcast because he feels it is premature. McLean suggested tabling this motion.

Stanton and Janvrin were against having a 20 year contract as in the past unless free services are given. Janvrin felt the biggest funding issue for the town is the line coming in from Exeter.

Stanton said since fiber optics has been added you don't have to run all the way back to Exeter. Bearse thought Verizon was pushing the option of fiber optics.

The discussion continued on if there needed to be funding who would provide this money and the light of the past town meeting to only fund \$400.00 was voted down and that this committee needs to inform the department heads and boards of their goals. They need to let the goal of the committee be to provide assess for the whole community on local events involving the town's children not only town meetings. McGall said other towns broadcast Christmas pageants, Little League, sports, Boy Scout and other civic activities and this needs to be presented to make more information available to the public to learn about their government and what is available. McLean suggested drafting a letter to be sent to all boards and department heads stating the intent of this committee and invite them to the next meeting to answer any of their questions or give them an update of the progress of this committee. Janvrin thought this would be good to find out the support or lack of support from the committees or department heads. A motion was made by Bearse to have McLean do this letter, seconded by McGall, all were in favor. This meeting will be on July 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Bearse motioned that the frequency of the broadcasts that are currently being done be increased. McGall seconded this motion.

Brande made a motion for once a day playing of the tapes be presented to the Selectmen This was seconded by Stanton, Bearse, Janvrin and McGall. A suggestion was made by McGall to have this information also put on the sign out in front of the complex.

McLean asked for a recommended for Warren Yee as a member of the committee who wants to participate. Janvrin made this recommendation and Bearse seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Yee wrote out a request to be approved by the Selectmen.

Stanton asked if they are appointed officials and Bearse asked if they formally voted on as a committee do they have to be sworn in by the clerk?

Bearse asked where the Selectmen stand in negotiations with Comcast at this point? McGall will be the representative of this committee to go to the school board meeting if needed in the future.

Bearse suggested for articles be put into the town's newsletter and also a letter to the editor about the Cable Access Study Committee's work.

A motion was made by McLean to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Stanton, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by,

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